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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2815  
**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q63936

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Appln. No.: 09/823,752

Group Art Unit: 2815

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

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ATTN: BOX AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4-7, 22, 23 and 27-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor device having a plurality of wiring layers in a multi-layered structure,

the semiconductor device including an inner area (11) at a surface and a pad area (13) surrounding the inner area (11) therein,

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